

# STORM ADDS TO HALIFAX HORROR

## COLD WAVE DUE; GAS SHORTAGE IS THREATENED

Minimum Temperature of 4 Degrees Is Forecast.

## SNOWFALL IS PREDICTED

Fuel Supply of Factories Will Be Cut.

Coldest weather of the year, temperatures of between 4 and 10 degrees and snow are forecast for Oklahoma City for tonight by the local weather bureau, and at noon today the Oklahoma Gas and Electric company was preparing to cut off its own power plant and other large consumers of gas from the mains.

Fulfillment of the weather prediction began just before noon when a driving half-mist and half-sleet slashed icily down upon the city from the north. Pedestrians who came uptown without overcoats, anticipating the balmy weather prevailing during the present winter, were soaked by the driving storm in a few minutes.

## Commercial Use Cut.

At the Oklahoma Gas and Electric company, Henry Wilmering, assistant to W. R. Mollinard, local manager, said that officers of the company were making all efforts to reduce commercial gas consumption to the minimum.

A supply of fuel oil is maintained constantly at the power plant of the Oklahoma Railway company, the two packing plants of Morris & Co., and various other factories. Mr. Wilmering said that before the afternoon is over it is possible that even the flour mills will be asked to burn oil.

In view of the threatened low temperatures railroads, instructed their local freight agents this morning to refuse to accept shipments of certain perishable goods except at the risk of the shipper. This action is customary when any loss from freezing may arise.

## Coal Supply Anxious.

Coal dealers say Oklahoma City is well situated as regards that form of fuel. M. B. Shofield, one of the largest dealers of the city, says he has a supply large enough to last ten days except in the event of unprecedented demand. Other dealers report supplies sufficient for from five days to two weeks.

Uncertainty of shipping conditions, however, threatens the supply in case the unexpected should happen and the cold spell last for any considerable length of time. Practically every retail coal dealer in the city has orders for several cars, but has been unable to get a constant supply owing to the car shortage and shortage of motive equipment of some of the lines leading into the city.

## Plenty of Oil.

Oil refineries report a plentiful supply of fuel oil, so that there will be no occasion for shutting down industrial plants even if they are not allowed to use gas for several days.

No information as to gas pressure was available at the plant of the gas and electric company at noon, but no complaints of any serious shortage had reached the Times up to that hour.

Work on the Morrison pool gas main extension, which, when completed will assure a plentiful supply of gas for the city, is progressing, gas company officers say. They will not attempt to fix a date for completion, since the line is being built by the Oklahoma Natural Gas company. This company is the producer and the local company the distributor.

December 1 was fixed by the Oklahoma Natural company last month as the date for the completion of the extension. A considerable length of the line must be completed yet, however.

## Two-Inch Snow at Bartlesville.

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Dec. 7.—Northeastern Oklahoma is covered with a blanket of snow today, the first of the season. Two inches of snow had fallen up to 8 o'clock this morning, and the precipitation was continuing.

## Snow at Woodward, Too.

WOODWARD, Okla., Dec. 7.—Snow began falling here today.

## Ban Johnson Will Boost Red Cross

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Pres. B. B. Johnson of the American league began preparations today to devote most of his time to Red Cross work, according to his own announcement. He has been appointed as one of a committee of seven to conduct a new drive for funds in the near future.

## INJURED AVIATOR DEAD IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 7.—Sergeant F. G. Hill, aviator of the Royal Flying corps stationed at Fort Worth, who was injured Wednesday in a fall in an airplane at Duncanville died in a local hospital this morning. Physicians say that E. D. Hill, 31, injured in the same accident, likely will recover.

## THEATER BENEFIT FOR RED CROSS EMPTIES SCHOOLS

One Class Has Only One Attendant.

## FLAGS ARE DISPLAYED

\$500 Is Cleared at Morning Performances.

Big kiddies and little kiddies crowded the doors of theaters and moving picture shows in Oklahoma City half an hour before the ticket offices were opened this morning. The youth of Oklahoma City rallied to the Red Cross benefit performances, with all the enthusiasm of their youthful hearts.

"Quit shoving me" and "get off my toes" were screamed out by the happy, jostling youngsters. Every school in the city was deserted. Only one boy in the eighth grade at McKinley stayed in school to carry on classes as usual with the teachers.

W. O. Moore, principal of the high school, said that about one thousand of his pupils were out enjoying the fun. "This is a red letter day for the youngsters," he said, "theater in the morning and a ball game in the afternoon."

## Women Make Flags.

Every theater displayed a Red Cross flag at the entrance. These flags were made by the women in the Red Cross workrooms yesterday afternoon. Besides those used for the theaters they made twenty-four others in the afternoon to be used during the Red Cross Christmas campaign in the city.

H. W. Smith, manager of the Liberty theater, says that \$500 should be cleared for the Red Cross. "Had we had more time in which to get ready we could have made a better showing," said Mr. Smith. "As it is we are doing the best we can. The local chapter of the Red Cross and the Federated Women's clubs have helped us out, and we are very grateful to them."

## Amateur Give Show.

The Overholser gave a performance of amateur theatricals, as well as motion pictures. Madge Kennedy in "Nearly Married" was shown at the Empress. The musical comedy of "Are You a Mason" was shown at the Folly. Gladys Brockwell in "A Touch of Sin" was at the Majestic. Interstate vaudeville in five acts at the Lyric. At the Liberty, Pantages vaudeville in five acts was the attraction, and the Palace produced the Palace players in "A Pair of Queens." Dreamland also took part and presented "The Flame of the Yukon."

## Sunday Red Cross Meetings Planned

A Red Cross massmeeting will be held in McAlester on Sunday evening when all churches will close. Governor R. L. Williams and L. E. Phillips, state chairman of the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, will be the speakers.

Pauls Valley will also be the scene of a massmeeting on the same night, when S. P. Freeling, attorney general, and E. F. McKay, will talk on the work and organization of the Red Cross. Another massmeeting will be held at Sapulpa, but the speaker is not chosen.

County managers for the central district met yesterday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce. James Chenoweth, district campaign manager, suggested that each county manager divide his county into small districts, appointing town and township managers. In turn they will appoint enough team captains so that the work of obtaining memberships for the Red Cross will be carried on intensively.

## British Bomb German Depot.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—British naval airplanes on Wednesday and Thursday continued their bombing raids on German military works in Belgium, the British admiralty announced today.

## Snow and Colder Weather Forecast

LOCAL FORECAST—Snow and colder tonight, with a cold wave temperature, will be 4 to 10 degrees. Saturday fair and continued cold.

STATE FORECAST—Tonight snow and cold, with a cold wave; temperature 4 to 10 degrees. Saturday fair; not so cold in northwest portion.

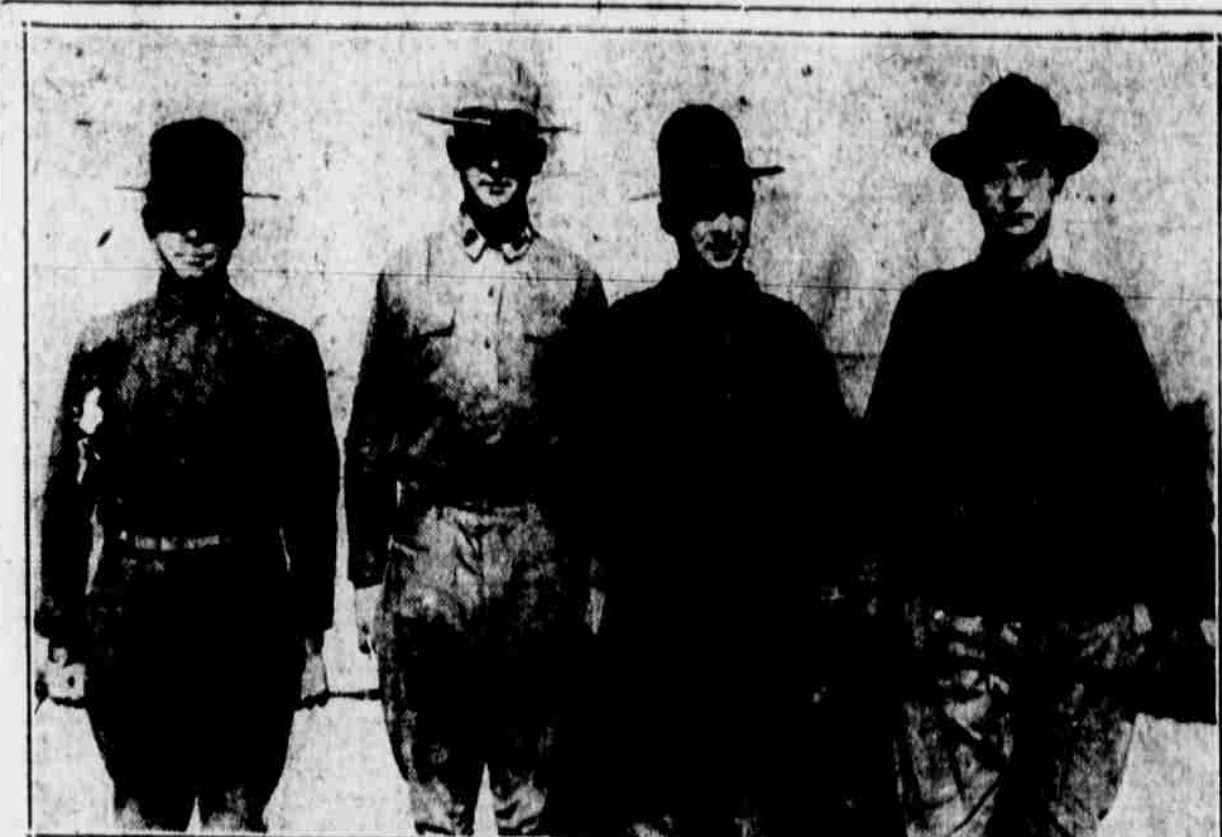
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| 4 a. m.     | 31 |
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| 6 a. m.     | 34 |
| 7 a. m.     | 34 |
| 8 a. m.     | 34 |
| 9 a. m.     | 35 |
| 10 a. m.    | 36 |
| 11 a. m.    | 36 |
| 12 noon     | 36 |
| 1 p. m.     | 35 |

THERE MUST BE A LOT OF GUYEN WHO ARE BELIEVING THAT SUNDAY IS TO BE KEPT WHOLLY FREE FOR AUTOMOBILE RIDING.

**"Zimmie"**

## HOFFMAN AND STAFF SOON TO SEE FRANCE



Left to right: First Lieut. Fred W. Hunter, First Lieut. Joan C. Thompson, aides to General Hoffman; Maj. Frank Tobin, adjutant, and Brig. Gen. Roy Hoffman.

Brig. Gen. Roy Hoffman of Oklahoma City, who has been stationed at Camp Bowie in command of the Ninety-first depot brigade, will leave soon for an embarkation port, where he will assume command of the 185th and 186th brigades of infantry (negro), forming a division. This forecasts the promotion of General Hoffman to the rank of major general.

## SELLING MILK AT FIFTEEN CENTS A HOLDUP AND WORSE MAY COME, SAYS COMMISSIONER KESLER

Talk of Milk Being Scarce Is "All Bunk," Says O. F. Mullin, City Milk Inspector, When Raise in Price Is Broached.

A few dairymen of Oklahoma City are simply holding the citizens up when they charge fifteen cents a quart for milk, and there is no telling how far they will advance the price since winning the first fight to force them to sell at a reasonable price," said Mark Kesler today, when he was asked what he thought of the prospect of another advance in the price of milk here.

"I saw in a paper just a day or two ago the prices of milk in the big cities of the east and west, where there should be cause of high prices of milk. The highest was Des Moines, Iowa, where it was quoted at fourteen cents a quart and the lowest Kansas City where it was selling at eleven cents a quart. The New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago price was thirteen cents a quart."

## Plenty of Milk.

O. F. Mullin, city milk inspector said today that there was plenty of milk here to be had at eleven cents a quart.

The wholesale milk dealers are charging fourteen cents a quart for the milk they deliver.

## TEXAS OIL MEN SETTLE STRIKE; 8,000 TO WORK

Field Workers in Two States Sign Agreement.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 7.—Settlement of the oil workers' strike affecting 8,000 men in Texas and Louisiana producing fields, was agreed upon this morning. A written agreement will be signed by the producers and workers this afternoon, it was stated.

## FIRST PERSHING AVIATORS WOUNDED IN AIR BATTLES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—American army airmen fighting the German planes on the western front have suffered their first casualties. Two men, a corporal and a private, were today reported wounded.

## ARCADIA RED CROSS BRANCH ORGANIZED

Organization of a Red Cross branch was completed at Arcadia yesterday afternoon by Mrs. L. C. Holzapfel. Dr. I. Frank Roach of the First Methodist Episcopal church, made an address to the audience on the work of the Red Cross. A work room has been opened for use every day.

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## SENATE PASSES DECLARATION OF WAR ON AUSTRIA

Upper House Disposes of the Resolution in One Hour.

## GORE VOTES WITH WILSON

LaFollette, Walks Out Before Vote Casting Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Within less than one hour's debate, the senate today passed the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary.

The resolution was adopted by the senate unanimously, 74 to 0. Senator Gronna of North Dakota, Norris of Nebraska, and Vardaman of Mississippi, who voted against the German war declaration, supported the resolution. Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin left during the speech-making and did not cast his vote.

## Senator Gore, another anti-war adherent, voted for the resolution.

Meanwhile, there was every indication that the resolution would pass in the house with only one dissenting vote—Representative London, socialist. Members were so sure of that that they deserted the chamber in droves, to escape the speech-making and return later for the voting.

After the house acts the two resolutions will be reconciled or one substituted for the other.

No time for a vote on the resolution was set but it is believed it might be expected by 6 o'clock this evening.

## GERMANS TAKE 4,000 ADDITIONAL ITALIAN TROOPS

Rumania Officially Joins in Russian Truce.

BERLIN, Dec. 7, via London.—Four thousand more Italians have been captured in the new Austro-German offensive on the northern front, bringing up the total to 15,000 according to today's official communication.

Monte Sisemol was captured by storm, the statement says.

## Emergency Bandage Work Is Necessary

Mrs. W. J. Pettee, director of Red Cross work rooms, said today that until the first of the year no more surgical dressing units would be equipped in the city, because of the great need for all available instructors to take charge of emergency rooms. Mrs. Pettee also urged that all women now working in the surgical dressing units here concentrate their work on the emergency dressings. All applications for surgical dressing rooms will be taken care of until the first of the year.

Work rooms for making hospital supplies will still be organized, and any one wishing to open a unit in a district will notify Mrs. Pettee.

Two thousand four hundred and fifty-six dressings were made yesterday, 320 of these coming from the rooms in the Chamber of Commerce. Elks' Hall unit opened at noon and it is expected that a huge amount of work will be accomplished here. Mrs. C. B. Ames is in charge.

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## COFFIN WILL HEAD NEW U. S. AIR BOARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Howard E. Coffin of Michigan was nominated today by President Wilson to be chairman and Richard Howe of New York to be a member of the government aircraft board.

## DEATH LIST STAYS AROUND 2,000 IN MUNITIONS BLAST

Details Now Available Paint Awfulness of Disaster.

## INJURED BADLY MAIMED

4,000 Tons of High Explosives Caused Concussion.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Up to noon today there had been no change in the police estimate of 2,000 dead from yesterday's disaster. About the same number are injured, two-thirds of whom are suffering from cuts from flying glass.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Stunned by the magnitude of the disaster which has overwhelmed the "garrison city," the people of Halifax bent all their energies to relieving the homeless and gathering their dead. A heavy snowstorm set in early today and while this in a measure impeded the work of relief and rescue, it served to aid the firemen in fighting the flames which still burned fiercely in many places among the ruins in the devastated district.

## Wreck and Ruin Everywhere.

There is wreck and ruin on every side. Every building in the city is damaged—glass broken, plaster down, windows and doors shattered. Business is suspended and will be for days. All schools and colleges have been closed until after New Year.

Sailors from an American warship in port are on patrol duty in all the streets. All the power plants are idle.

Smoldering ruins and piles of debris of demolished houses continued today to give up their dead victims of yesterday's explosion.

## May Never Know Number.

The exact number of dead, it appeared tonight, might never be known on account of the many persons—entire families in some instances—of whom no trace will ever be found other than charred bones in the ruins of the homes.

Dawn found the city still staggering under the frightfulness of the losses in human life and hundreds who had stood all night in lines formed at improvised morgues continued their vigil with alternate expressions of fear and hopes on their faces. Others besieged the hospitals for news of the missing and meanwhile relief parties continued their work of succor among the injured whom they found in the devastated Richmond and Dartmouth sections of the city.

## At Least 2,000 Die.

Reports from the improvised morgues and from hospitals, churches, schools and private residences seemed to bear out last night's estimate that at least 2,000 were lost when the Belgian relief steamship Imo collided with the French munitions steamer Mont Blanc, causing the detonation of 4,000 tons of trinitrotoluol, one of the most powerful explosives manufactured.

Relief from outside began to reach the stricken city today. Doctors, nurses and medical and food supplies arrived on special trains from Toronto and Windsor, N. S., and from Moncton, N. B. Other trains were reported on the way and were expected to reach here during the day. The special train sent from Boston by direction of Governor McCall of Massachusetts, will arrive this evening.

## Business Halts; Schools Close.

Virtually all business is suspended and the schools are closed, while the inhabitants generally are turning their attention to relief work. Soldiers and sailors, including seamen from an American warship which rushed to the port when it received word of the disaster, are patrolling the stricken district and aiding in the rescue work.

William Barton, former telegraph editor of the Montreal Gazette, and now traveling for the Canadian Imperial Munitions Board, at Ottawa, related today his experience during the explosion.

He was at breakfast in the Halifax hotel.

## Over in 10 Seconds.

"In ten seconds it was all over, Mr. Barton said. 'A low rumbling, a quake shock, with everything vibrating, then an indescribable noise, followed by the fall of plaster and the smashing of glass. In such moments the human mind does not hesitate; a cry went up, 'A German bomb!' a rush for the door heading down the hallway amid falling pictures, glass and plaster, to the swinging doors of a few seconds before, now ripped from their hinges; through great projecting triangular pieces of glass to the street. Here I found myself with a burden. How she had come into my arms I do not know, yet here she was, hysterically shrieking: 'Oh my poor sister; my poor sister!'"

## Then Gave Aid.

Outside overhead a giant smoke was moving northward. Danger seemed over, I crossed the road, laid my feminine burden on a doorstep and returned to the hotel. My aid, for I was unscathed, was possibly needed.